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Attachment 4

**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee  
c/o State Fire Training

**From:** Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshall III Specialist

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Clovis Fire Department  
Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Recommend that Clovis Fire Department be approved as an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system.

**Background Information:**

An accreditation site visit was conducted on May 4, 2017 at the Clovis Fire Department Headquarters located at 1233 Fifth Street Clovis, CA 93612. The team consisted of Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist, Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist, assisted by Mario Garcia, Porterville College (ARTP). Representatives from the Clovis Fire Department team included Battalion Chief Bret Black, Clovis Fire Department, Battalion Chief Tony Gomes, Clovis Fire Department, along with instructors and support services staff.

The Clovis Fire Department began its inception in 1892 with the formation of a group of employees from the local sawmill that volunteered to assist with firefighting that threatened the sawmill. The City of Clovis began as a formal volunteer fire department with the first full time Fire Chief being hired in 1966 as well as fire (5) firefighters and transferring over to a paid/professional career fire department. The Clovis Fire Department provides fire protection services to the City of Clovis as well as to the surrounding agencies as part of automatic/mutual aid. The Clovis Fire Department is an all-risk all-hazard emergency agency that also provides fire prevention, fire investigation, public education and emergency preparedness to the City of Clovis.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities, located at the Clovis Fire Department Training Facility provides sufficient classroom space with the City of Clovis Fire Department Headquarters also having additional space for up to sixty students. The Clovis Fire Department Training Facility providing ten acres with facilities and props to teach a wide variety of hands-on training with multiple agencies. Also impressive is the high level of collaboration between Clovis Fire Department, Fresno Fire Department and the Fresno City College as well as PG & E utilizing this facility contractually with the City of Clovis to provide training to their employees as well as training provided to local area fire departments. With staffing at the training facility including one full-time Fire Officer and Logistics Officer with internal state certified instructors that

participate in the Annual Training Officer's Symposium held at the Clovis Fire Department Training Center there is adequate staffing to conduct the 2013 Firefighter I Academy. I was very impressed with the support staff and the superior recordkeeping system and security utilized.

The Clovis Fire Department utilizes input from the Training Advisory Committee (TAC) to assist with strategic training needs presently and for the future. The Clovis Fire Department has a robust fire explorer program and local high school fire ROP programs that will assist with pre-recruitment and recruitment of women and minorities practiced within such programs to provide more diversity within the agency. .

The hospitality of the Clovis Fire Department and Clovis Fire Training staff extended to the site visit team was quite impressive and appreciated.